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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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CASE NO.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION

[Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441(b)]

JAMES M. KINDER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. and  
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that *Specially Appearing* Defendant HARRAH'S  
ENTERTAINMENT, INC. hereby removes to the United States District Court, Southern District  
of California, San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL (the  
"State Action").

Removal is based upon diversity jurisdiction in that the Plaintiff and *Specially Appearing*  
Defendants are citizens of different states. (28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441(b).)

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446, attached hereto collectively as Exhibit A are the Summons and Complaint in the State Action, Civil Case Cover Sheet, and Notice of Case Assignment. Plaintiff's Complaint did not include a Stipulation to Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process. No further proceedings have been had or documents filed in the Superior Court for the County of San Diego.

This Notice of Removal is timely in that it has been filed within thirty (30) days of *Specially Appearing* Defendant's receipt of the Summons and Complaint, on or about October 24, 2007.

**A. Removal is Proper Based on Diversity Jurisdiction.**

1. Plaintiff James M. Kinder is a citizen of California. (*See*, Complaint, ¶1.)

2. *Specially Appearing* Defendant HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. is, and has at all times relevant to this action been, a Delaware corporation. *Specially Appearing* Defendant is not a citizen of California because it is neither incorporated in California nor has its principal place of business in California.

3. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants have made multiple calls to Plaintiff's number in violation of 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(1)(A)(iii), and that Plaintiff may recover up to \$1,500 as a violation for each such call that was willful. (Complaint, ¶¶ 8-9). In addition, Plaintiff seeks damages and attorneys' fees pursuant to California *Civil Code* section 1780(d) and California *Code of Civil Procedure* section 1021.5. When attorneys' fees are recoverable by plaintiff by statute, the fee claim is included in determining the amount in controversy for purposes of diversity jurisdiction, regardless of whether the fee award is mandatory or discretionary. (*Galt G/S v. JSS Scandinavia*, 142 F.3d 1150, 1155-1156 (9th Cir. 1998); *Morrison v. Allstate Indem. Co.*, 228 F.3d 1255, 1265 (11th Cir. 2000).) As such, it is facially apparent that Plaintiff's claims more likely

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1 than not exceed \$75,000 based on the list of damages. (*Sanchez v. Monumental Life Ins. Co.*, 95  
2 F.3d 856, 860 (9th Cir. 1996).)

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4 WHEREFORE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1332, and 1441, *Specially Appearing*  
5 Defendant removes this case from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the  
6 County of San Diego to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

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8 SHEA STOKES, ALC

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10 Dated: November 21, 2007

By: 

Maria C. Roberts  
Ronald R. Giusso  
Attorneys for *Specially Appearing* Defendant  
HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC.



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# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

## (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.

## YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

## (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

James M. Kinder

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

San Diego Superior Court  
330 W. Broadway  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Central Division

CASE NUMBER:

(Número del Caso) 07-2007-00075114-CU-MC-CTL

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Chad Austin, Esq.  
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SBN 235457

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DATE: OCT 3 2 2007

Clerk, by  
(Secretario)

Deputy  
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

## NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.  
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify): Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

- under: ☒ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)  
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  
☐ other (specify):

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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Code of Civil Procedure §§ 412.20, 460

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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11 JAMES M. KINDER,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, Inc. and  
15 DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES,  
INCLUDING PUNITIVE DAMAGES,  
INTEREST AND ATTORNEY'S FEES,  
AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Violations of Telephone Consumer  
Protection Act of 1991  
Violations of California Civil Code § 1770  
(a) (22) (A)  
Trespass to Chattel  
Unfair Business Practices

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19 COMES NOW Plaintiff JAMES M. KINDER (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff") who alleges as  
20 follows:

21 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 22 1. Plaintiff is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident of the County of San  
23 Diego, State of California.
- 24 2. Defendant HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as  
25 "Defendant") was at all times herein mentioned a Delaware corporation, doing business in the  
26 County of San Diego, State of California.
- 27 3. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as  
28 DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names.

1 Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.  
2 Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants  
3 is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and that Plaintiff's damages as  
4 herein alleged were proximately caused by their conduct.

5 4. At all times herein mentioned each defendant was the partner, agent and employee  
6 of each co-defendant herein and was at all times acting within the scope of such partnership, agency  
7 and employment and each defendant ratified the conduct of each co-defendant herein.

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9 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**  
10 [Violation of Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991]

11 5. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 4 above and incorporates them herein by  
12 reference.

13 6. Plaintiff is bringing this action pursuant to the provisions of the Telephone  
14 Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (47 U.S.C. §227 and 47 C.F.R. §64.1200 – "TCPA").

15 7. Subdivision (b) (1) (A) (iii) of Section 227 of Title 47 of the United States  
16 Code makes it unlawful for any person to "Make any call (other than a call made for emergency  
17 purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using any automatic  
18 telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice...to any telephone number assigned  
19 to a paging service, specialized mobile radio service, or other radio common carrier service, or  
20 any service for which the called party is charged for the call."

21 8. Defendants have been calling Plaintiff's number assigned to a paging service, using  
22 an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's express permission. These calls were not made  
23 for any emergency purpose, nor were these calls exempt under subdivision (c) of section 64.1200  
24 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

25 9. Subdivision (b)(3) of section 227 of title 47 of the United States Code permits a  
26 private right of action in state court for violations of 47 U.S.C. §227 (b) (1) (A) (iii). Plaintiff  
27 may obtain relief in the form of injunctive relief, or Plaintiff may recover \$500.00 for each  
28 violation, or both. If the court finds that defendants' violations were willful or knowing, it may,

1 in its discretion, award up to three times that amount.

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3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
4 [Violation(s) of California Civil Code § 1770 (a) (22) (A)]

5 10. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 9 above and incorporates them herein by  
6 reference.

7 11. California Civil Code § 1770 (a) (22) (A) requires that all recorded messages  
8 disseminated within the state be introduced by a live, natural voice giving the name of the entity  
9 calling, the name of the entity being represented, an address or phone number for that entity, and  
10 asking permission to play the recording. Defendant's illegal prerecorded telemarketing calls to  
11 Plaintiff failed to comply with this requirement.

12 12. As a proximate result of defendants' violation of Civil Code section 1770,  
13 plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer damages in an amount not yet ascertained, to be  
14 proven at trial.

15 13. Civil Code section 1780 (a) (2) provides for an injunction against future conduct  
16 in violation of Civil Code section 1770.

17 14. Civil Code section 1780 (a) (4) provides for an award of punitive damages for  
18 violations of Civil Code section 1770.

19 15. Civil Code section 1780 (d) provides for an award of attorneys fees for plaintiffs  
20 harmed by California Civil Code §1770 (a) (22) (A) violations.

21 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
22 [Trespass to Chattel]

23 16. Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 15 above and incorporates them herein by  
24 reference.

25 17. The conduct by defendants complained of herein, namely calling Plaintiff's  
26 number assigned to a paging service, using an artificial or prerecorded voice, without Plaintiff's  
27 express permission, constitutes an electronic trespass to chattel.

28 18. At no time did Plaintiff consent to this trespass.



1           19.    As a proximate result of these intrusions, Plaintiff suffered damage in an amount  
2 according to proof.

3           20.    In making the illegal calls described above, defendants were guilty of  
4 oppression and malice, in that defendants made said calls with the intent to vex, injure, or  
5 annoy Plaintiff or with a willful and conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Plaintiff therefore  
6 seeks an award of punitive damages.

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8                                   **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
9                                   **[Engaging in Unfair Business Practices]**

10          21.    Plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1 through 20 above and incorporates them herein by  
11 reference.

12          22.    Because these telephone calls violate federal statutes, they are unlawful business  
13 practices within the meaning of section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code.

14          23.    Section 17203 of the Business and Professions Code entitles Plaintiff to an  
15 injunction enjoining defendants from engaging in unfair or unlawful business practices.

16          WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for judgment against defendants, and each of them, as  
17 follows:

18    On the FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:

19          1.    For an award of \$500.00 for each violation of 47 U.S.C. §227;

20          2.    For an award of \$1,500.00 for each such violation found to have been willful;

21    On the SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:

22          3.    For compensatory damages according to proof;

23          4.    For preliminary and permanent injunctions, enjoining Defendants, and each of  
24 them, from engaging in activity in violation of California Civil Code §1770 (a)  
25 (22) (A);

26          5.    For punitive damages;

27          6.    For attorneys fees;

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1 On the THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:

2 7. For compensatory damages according to proof;

3 8. For punitive damages;

4 On the FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION:

5 9. For preliminary and permanent injunctions, enjoining Defendants, and each of  
6 them, from engaging in unfair or unlawful business practices pursuant to section  
7 17203 of the Business and Professions Code;

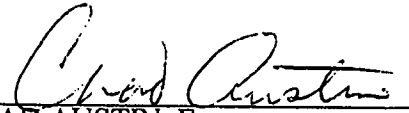
8 On ALL CAUSES OF ACTION:

9 10. For attorney's fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

10 11. For costs of suit herein incurred; and

11 12. For such further relief as the Court deems proper.

12 Dated: October 2, 2007

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14 By:   
15 CHAD AUSTIN, Esq.  
16 Attorney for Plaintiff JAMES M.  
17 KINDER  
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): <b>Chad Austin, Esq.</b> 3129 India St. San Diego, CA 92103-6014 SBN 235457  TELEPHONE NO: 619-297-8888 FAX NO: 619-295-1401 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): <b>James M. Kinder</b>		FOR COURT USE ONLY  CIVIL JUDICIAL OFFICE 19  07 OCT -2 PM 4:32  CIVIL JUDICIAL COURT SAN DIEGO, CA					
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego STREET ADDRESS: 330 W. Broadway MAILING ADDRESS: SAME CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Diego, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: Central Division							
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Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

<b>Auto Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) <b>Other PIPD/W (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PIPD/W (23) <b>Non-PIPD/W (Other) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PIPD/W tort (35) <b>Employment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	<b>Contract</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) <b>Real Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) <b>Unlawful Detainer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) <b>Judicial Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	<b>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation</b> (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) <b>Enforcement of Judgment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</b> <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties   | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses  |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence   | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision  |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): 4
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)
- Date: 10-02-07
- Chad Austin, Esq. \_\_\_\_\_

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(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

## NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO</b>	
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PLAINTIFF(S) / PETITIONER(S): James M Kinder	
DEFENDANT(S) / RESPONDENT(S): Harrah's Entertainment Inc	
KINDER VS. HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT INC	
<b>NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT</b>	CASE NUMBER: 37-2007-00076114-CU-MC-CTL

Judge: William R. Nevitt, Jr.

Department: C-64

COMPLAINT/PETITION FILED: 10/02/2007

**CASES ASSIGNED TO THE PROBATE DIVISION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS LISTED BELOW**

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF (AND CROSS-COMPLAINANT) TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE COMPLAINT (AND CROSS-COMPLAINT).

ALL COUNSEL WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DIVISION II, AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

**TIME STANDARDS:** The following timeframes apply to general civil cases and must be adhered to unless you have requested and been granted an extension of time. General civil consists of all cases except: Small claims appeals, petitions, and unlawful detainers.

**COMPLAINTS:** Complaints must be served on all named defendants, and a CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (SDSC CIV-345) filed within 60 days of filing. This is a mandatory document and may not be substituted by the filing of any other document.

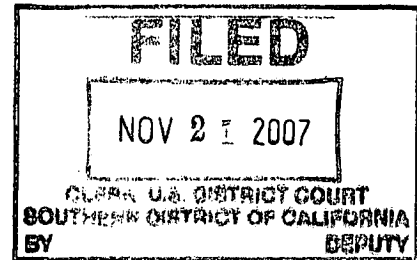
**DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE:** Defendant must generally appear within 30 days of service of the complaint. (Plaintiff may stipulate to no more than a 15 day extension which must be in writing and filed with the Court.)

**DEFAULT:** If the defendant has not generally appeared and no extension has been granted, the plaintiff must request default within 45 days of the filing of the Certificate of Service.

THE COURT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONSIDER UTILIZING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO LITIGATION, INCLUDING MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION, PRIOR TO THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. MEDIATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS ACT AND OTHER PROVIDERS. SEE ADR INFORMATION PACKET AND STIPULATION.

YOU MAY ALSO BE ORDERED TO PARTICIPATE IN ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10 AT THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. THE FEE FOR THESE SERVICES WILL BE PAID BY THE COURT IF ALL PARTIES HAVE APPEARED IN THE CASE AND THE COURT ORDERS THE CASE TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO CCP 1141.10. THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WILL BE CANCELLED IF YOU FILE FORM SDSC CIV-359 PRIOR TO THAT HEARING

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JAMES M. KINDER,

CASE NO.

Plaintiff,

PROOF OF SERVICE

vs.

HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. and  
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

I, the undersigned, declare that:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the case; I am employed in, or am a resident of, the County of San Diego, State of California, where the within mailing occurs, and my business address is 510 Market Street, Third Floor, San Diego, California 92101-7025.

I further declare that I am readily familiar with Shea Stokes' practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service; and that the correspondence shall be deposited with the United States Postal Service this same day in the ordinary course of business.

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1 I caused to be served this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2007, the following document:

- 2 • **CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET**  
3 • **DECLARATION OF RONALD R. GIUSSO IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF**  
4 **REMOVAL**

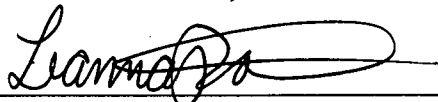
5 on the interested parties in this action by placing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes  
6 addressed as follows:

7 Chad Austin, Esq.  
8 3129 India Street  
9 San Diego, CA 92103-6014  
10 (619) 297-8888 – Telephone  
(619) 295-1401 – Facsimile  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF JAMES M. KINDER

11 ☒ BY MAIL: I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing  
12 correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. postal  
13 service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at San Diego, California in the  
14 ordinary course of business pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013(a). I am  
aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation  
date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in  
affidavit.

15 I then sealed each envelope and, with postage thereon fully prepaid, I placed each for  
16 deposit in the United States Postal Service this same day, at my business address shown above,  
17 following ordinary business practices.

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19 I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the  
20 foregoing is true and correct and was executed on November 21, 2007 at San Diego, California.

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22 \_\_\_\_\_  
Leanna Pierce



## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

James M. Kinder

**DEFENDANTS**HARRAH'S ENTERTAINMENT, INC. **FILED**

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Diego  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Chad Austin  
3129 India Street  
San Diego, CA 92103  
(619) 297-8888

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Delaware  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED IN THE CASE, NOT THE LOCATION OF THE COURT.

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Ronald R. Giusso BY: **07 CV 2226** **PM** DEPUTY  
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**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- (For Diversity Cases Only)
- |   |   |                                |   |                                |                                       |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | PTF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4        |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2     | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3                | <input type="checkbox"/> 3     | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6     | <input type="checkbox"/> 6            |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury—Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury—Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities—Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities—Other <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding  
☒ 2 Removed from State Court  
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)  
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation  
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
28 U.S.C. sections 1331, 1332, 1441

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Brief description of cause:

Alleged violations of CLRA (Civil Code 1700 et seq.) and Business and Professions Code 17200 et seq. and Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

- ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  
DEMAND \$Greater than \$75,000  
CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE  
November 21, 2007

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD  
Ronald R. Giusso

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN DIEGO DIVISION

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**Civ Fil Non-Pris  
07-02226**

Judge.: MARILYN L HUFF

Amount.: \$350.00 CK

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**FROM: KINDER V. HARRAH'S ENTERTAINME**